

EXERCISE No. 13

Above all else, I would like to stress our unity as a party. This was undoubtedly the biggest single factor in the final result, for the ascent of Everest, perhaps more than most human ventures. demanded a very high degree of selfless co-operation; no amount of equipment or food could have compensated for any weakness in this respect. It would be difficult to find a more close-knit team than ours. It is a remarkable fact that throughout the whole four months that we were together, often in trying circumstances, I never heard an impatient or angry word passed between any member of the party. This made my own task easier, and most particularly when the time came to decide on the individual tasks to be undertaken during the period leading up to and during the Assault. It could not have been disappointment, made greater by their fitness to go high. But everyone rightly believed that he had a vital part to play in getting at least two members of the team to the top and it was finding or preparing the route up the Lhoste Face, leading Sherpas to the South Col with Assault stores, carrying heavy loads to establish the final camp, or the less conspicuous tasks of maintaining our communications with Base Camp; supervising the catering and other work at Advance Base. All these things were done without complaint and they were done well. In this, and in the work of our Sherpas, lies the immediate secret of our success.

Questions :

1. What was the biggest factor in the successful attempt at climbing Everest?
2. What were the tasks of the members of the party to enable at least two members of the party to reach the top?
3. What was the immediate secret of the success of this attempt at climbing Everest?
4. What made the task of the writer easier?
5. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

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Answers should be 5-7 lines long.

A(1)

The biggest factor in the successful attempt at climbing Everest is unity. Unity is the biggest single factor in the final result of climbing Everest.

A(2)

The members of the party ^{performed} multiple tasks to enable at least two members of the party to reach the top. It was finding or preparing the route up the Lhoste Face, leading Sherpas to the South Col with assault stores, carrying heavy loads to establish the final camp or maintaining communications with the

Base Camp -

A(3)

All the things were done without complaint and also done well. In this, and in the work of sherpas, lies the immediate secret of ~~of~~ the success of this attempt at climbing Everest.

✓A(4)

The writer did not ^{hear} heard an impatient or angry word passed between any member of the party. This ^{made} make writer task easier.

A(5)

The suitable title for the passage is:
Biggest Factor of Success is Unity